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Dear Parent/Carer

**Recent Announcement:  
Replacement for Beeslack Community High School on A701**

You will no doubt have heard the good news that the Scottish Government has agreed to fund part of the replacement of Beeslack Community High School.

This is fantastic news for Midlothian as our vision is to create a Centre of Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths which will benefit the pupils of Midlothian and become a hub for developing teachers and scientists of the future.

We are delighted to work in partnership with the University of Edinburgh in this venture and the Scottish Government recognised the strength of this partnership through the work we have done with them on our Digital Centre of Excellence at Newbattle Community Campus.

However the new school on the A701 is only one part of the bid to the Scottish Government and we are also committed to improving Penicuik High School as part of our Learning Estate Strategy.

Following the October break, we will set up a number of events in the area to update you on our plans for the future which will include our vision, learning from the Newbattle Community Hub, the process going forward and plans for further community engagement.

Meanwhile we will be meeting with partners in this venture to ensure we can deliver the best outcomes for our children and young people going forward.

Yours sincerely

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